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1. FURTHER CONVERSATIONS WITH PERMREP SOURCES AND COMMISSION WORKING LEVEL OFFICIAL MOST DIRECTLY INVOLVED (PHAN VAN PHI OF DG I) INDICATE THAT COMMUNITY DECISION TO SUPPORT SOMETHING ALONG THE LINES OF BRAZILIAN PROPOSAL FOR TERMS OF REFERENCE OF FRAMEWORK IMPROVEMENT GROUP REPRESENTS A COMPROMISE BETWEEN FRENCH AND OTHER MEMBER STATES. OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT FRENCH SPOKE AT GREAT LENGTH ALONG LINES OF PARA 2 REF A DURING 113 COMMITTEE MEETING SEPTEMBER 24. ALTHOUGH OTHERS, PARTICULARLY UK, WERE NOT ADVERSE TO US IDEAS, SPECIFICALLY ON SUPPLY ACCESS, THEY SAW NO POLITICAL REASON TO OPPOSE STRONG FRENCH VIEWS. ACCORDING TO PHAN VAN PHI, GENERAL EC FEELING IS THAT WILLINGNESS TO GO ALONG WITH CREATION OF FRAMEWORK GROUP SHOULD BE SEEN AS A PROPITIATORY OFFER TO THE LDC'S; THEREFORE EC WOULD HESITATE TO RAISE SOMETHING IN THAT GROUP WHICH WOULD ANTAGONIZE THE LDC'S. HE SUGGESTED THAT EC POSITION COULD BE AMENDED IF US WERE FIRST ABLE TO SELL THE IDEA OF SUPPLY ACCESS CONSIDERATION

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